REMARKS

The foregoing amendments and the remarks that follow are meant to impart precision to the claims, and more particularly point out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. Claims 1-12 were rejected. Claims 1-7 and 9-11 have been amended. Claims 13-20 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,219,308 ("Novak"). Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are patentable over the cited prior art.

Claim 1, as amended, is representative of independent claims 5 and 9. Claim 1 recites:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method performed by at least one information handling

system <u>associated with a first client</u>, the method comprising:

receiving an excerpt of information <u>comprising an item of music</u>; and

in response to a configuration <u>specified by one or more files</u> of the information handling

system, performing at least one of the following operations: automatically

translating the excerpt from an XML format into a non-XML format, so that the

translated excerpt is compatible for operation with the information handling

system; and automatically translating the excerpt <u>from the XML format</u> into an

alternate XML format, so that the translated excerpt is compatible for operation

with the information handling system.

Novak fails to disclose or teach the limitations of Applicants' claims, as discussed below.

<u>"excerpt from an XML format"</u>

Novak fails to disclose or teach this claim limitation. With respect to claim 1, the Examiner cited "converting [the] media file to a format compatible with media player program".

(See Office Action at 2; Novak, col. 10, lines 52-53.) The meaning of this quote becomes clear only through review of its entire context: "accessing the digital media in this manner may include converting the media file to a format compatible with media player program 116 (also referred to as 'ripping')." (Col. 10, lines 52-54.) According to technical references, "ripping" is a term that describes the process of converting digital audio from a CD to a computer hard drive. (See, e.g., http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ripping ("Ripping is the process of copying audio or video content to a hard disk, typically from removable media or media streams.").) Clearly, Novak's passing reference to "ripping" does not impliedly or expressly disclose or teach translation of an "excerpt from an XML format", as claimed.

"from an XML format into a non-XML format" or "from the XML format into an alternate XML format"

Novak fails to disclose or teach these limitations. The Examiner also generally referenced column 10, lines 48-67 of Novak with respect to claim 1. In particular, at column 10, lines 62-67, Novak briefly discusses "converting the ASP request into a query request for a web-enabled database product, which supports for extensible markup language (XML), such as SQL Server also available from Microsoft Corporation". (Col. 10, lines 62-67.) This language fails to disclose or teach limitations of Applicants' claims for at least four reasons. First, Novak only discusses a conversion from an ASP request to a query request that, ultimately, can be used to obtain information stored in a database supporting XML. Novak does not state that the *requests or any other information are translated* "from an XML format into a non-XML format" or "from the XML format into an alternate XML format", as required by Applicants' claims.

<u>"translating the excerpt from an XML format" with "the excerpt of information comprising an item of music"</u>

Second, and perhaps more fundamentally, Novak involves a physical ID mapped to a logical ID that serves as the basis for a query to return *metadata and electronic album cover art* about a media file. (See col. 10, lines 7-9; col. 12, lines 16.) Indeed, the primary focus of Novak is handling and presentation of this metadata. Thus, unlike Applicants' claim limitations, the physical ID and logical ID in Novak are merely associated with the media file (i.e., music), but are *not the music itself*. Accordingly, Novak's query request, as cited by the Examiner in relation to claim 1, does not disclose or teach the claim limitations of "translating the excerpt from an XML format" with "the excerpt of information comprising an item of music".

<u>"by at least one information handling system associated with a first client"</u>

Third, Novak's query conversion, as cited by Examiner, occurs at the server. (See col. 10, lines 62-67; Fig. 7.) In contrast, Claim 1 clearly recites that the translation of the excerpt from an XML format into a non-XML or alternate XML format occurs "by at least one information handling system associated with a first client". Novak thus fails to achieve the advantage of client-side processing and related efficiencies as provided in Applicants' claims.

<u>"in response to a configuration specified by one or more files"</u>

Fourth, as stated above, Novak discloses the possibility of a conversion from an ASP request into a query request. Novak goes on to disclose merely that "the code can also include a mechanism" for performing the conversion. (Col. 10, lines 62-63.) This bare treatment in Novak hardly discloses or teaches translation "in response to a configuration specified by one or more files", as claimed.

Because Novak fails to teach myriad claim limitations, independent claims 1, 5, and 9 are patentable. The dependent claims are patentable at least by their dependence on patentable independent claims.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed and that the application is now in order for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of the application and allowance thereof is courteously solicited.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2638 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicants hereby request such an extension.

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